GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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MONITORING AUTHORITY FOR DD PROGRAMMES
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned `School children abhor violence, obscenity on T.V.:Study` appearing in the Times of India` dated January 13, 2000.

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the time by which the monitoring authority to check the quality of programmes on T.V. is likely to be set up?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF TH DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT
(SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The report quotes a study conducted by Vidyasagar Institute of mental Health and Neurosciences wherein 50 per cent of school children are found to have emotional adjustment difficulties. It is mentioned in the report that children abhor violence and obscenity in TV Programmes and want a monitoring authority to check the quality of programmes on TV.

(c): Programmes on Doordarshan are regulated by its Broadcast Code.The private satellite channels uplinked from India are also required to follow the same Code. The encrypted satellite channels uplinked from outside India are also subjected to the Programme Code under the Cable TV Networks Rules. These Codes inter-alia prohibit obscenity and violence.